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Completion of 2006 Public Rice Tender 2007

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Report Highlights:

After delays due to the ceiling price, Taiwan finished tendering for rice to be imported under its 2006 public sector quota on May 23, 2007. Delivery will occur by September 1, 2007. The United States captured almost 79 percent of Taiwan's 2006 public sector imports. The tendering process for the 2007 public sector rice quota has already begun. Taiwan has completed tenders for 9,100 tons under the SBS tender scheme.

Exchange rate is \$1 to 33.30, quoted by May 23, 2007.

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Completion of 2006 Public Rice Tender

Taiwan completed tendering for the 2006 public sector rice import quota on May 23, 2007. The last two tenders for 14,000 tons of medium grain brown rice (GF4-950248-3) and 1,820 tons of medium or short grain brown rice (GF4-950263-2) were both contracted at NT\$17,134/mt or \$514/mt to U.S. importers for delivery by September 1, 2007. Ceiling price issues impeded the completion of tendering for the 2006 public sector rice quota in Taiwan, and most of the rice tenders failed several times because of this issue. The last digit of the tender document number indicates the number of re-tenders. For example, the tender number GF4-950248-3 means the tender was scheduled four times. All of the rice imported under 2006 public sector tenders will enter Taiwan between January and August 2007. The United States captured approximately a 79 percent share of the 2006 public sector quota. See the following table for details.

Taiwan started tendering its 2007 public sector rice quota last March. As of the reporting date, Taiwan has completed tenders for 9,100 tons under the SBS tender scheme.

Table 1 - 2006 Public Sector Rice Contracts

Public Trade	Metric Tons	Market Share
U.S.A.	74,188	78.86%
Thailand	13,800	14.67%
Egypt	4,600	4.89%
SBS	1,480	1.58%
Grand Total	78,248	100.00%
Quota Fill Rate	100% of 94,068 mt	

Note: Brown Rice Basis

Milled rice is converted to Brown Rice at 1:1.15